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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with considerable fluctuations. The week opened warm, but a sharp cold wave overspread most of the State Tuesday and Tuesday night. Rapid warming occurred on Thursday, and again Saturday and Sunday, but another cold wave entered the State Sunday night. Most of the eastern and western portions of the State received light to locally moderate snows about Wednesday and again over the week-end, but in the central portion the precipitation ranged from none to light.

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CROPS Winter wheat showed a slight improvement last week. Moisture was in the form of snow and while inadequate improved the outlook slightly. The Panhandle and a few southeastern counties showed most of the gain. The Panhandle, north-central, and southwestern districts had above normal precipitation in November. All of the other districts were below normal. The condition of wheat is quite spotted with a few of the counties showing a fairly high condition.

While practically all of the corn has been harvested, there are a few scattered reports of harvesting and still more gleaning of fallen corn. Slightly over half of the corn harvested this year was produced on irrigated fields. Irrigated corn yielded better this year than last year.

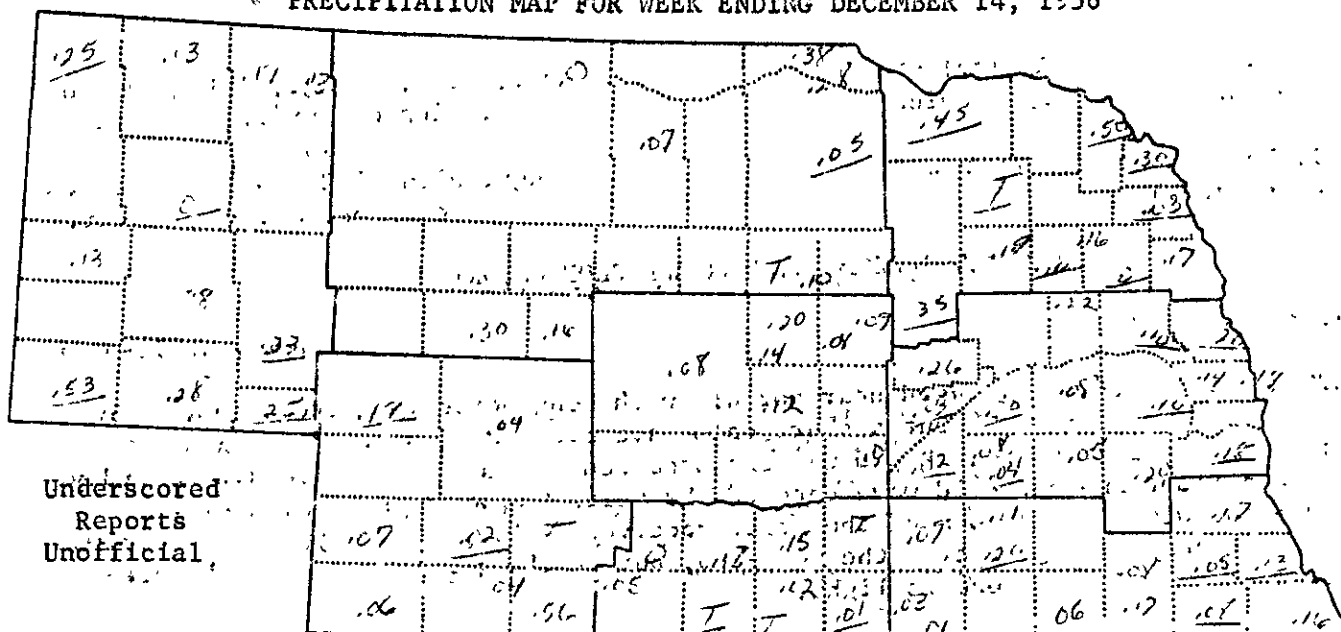
Pasture feed is very short except in the Sandhills. Some winter wheat has been pastured but much of it has not made the usual growth due to the lack of moisture. There were a few reports on sales of hay. Prices of hay are high.

LIVESTOCK Reports since last spring indicate larger sales of livestock. Some breeding herds were reduced. Farmers who have silage are in a much better position to hold their livestock. The weather was highly favorable for fall pigs. There was one report of saving 90 pigs from 8 brood sows. There seems to be a little increased interest in cattle and sheep feeding on farms having a little surplus of feed. Other farmers that are short of feed have restricted feeding operations. The advance in price of hogs is encouraging.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .16	Burwell 0	Chadron .18
Lincoln .17	North Platte 0	Imperial .06
Norfolk .09	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .15
Omaha .16		Sidney .32
Sioux City 0		

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	51	26	30	8	31	26	50	27	39	21	44	--	48	10		
	Scottsbluff	53	24	35	15	42	24	57	32	41	18	45	--	51	16		
	Sidney	50	32	42	22	43	26	53	33	39	13	38	--	45	21		
NC	Burwell	53	24	46	9	18	7	44	19	37	23	47	26	51	10		
	Valentine	54	25	42	6	19	7	53	23	31	19	44	32	54	5		
NE	Norfolk	43	29	45	11	17	9	28	19	27	21	37	18	40	8		
	Sioux City	46	29	47	11	17	9	25	18	28	22	28	25	38	7		
CEN	Grand Island	50	32	39	17	29	5	32	19	30	23	39	27	39	12		
EC	Lincoln	55	40	47	23	32	15	26	20	28	25	40	22	43	18		
	Omaha	50	35	40	17	24	3	22	17	26	22	33	26	38	12		
SW	Imperial	51	31	45	21	33	16	53	24	40	22	43	--	50	18		
	North Platte	51	28	44	17	29	14	49	21	36	13	46	28	53	16		

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